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Title: NOVEL LEAD RETENTION MEANS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Please consider the following remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action of April 19, 2006.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims to the following species:

Species I, figure 2a;
Species II, figure 2b;
Species III, figure 2c;
Species IV, figure 2d;
Species V, figure 3;
Species VI, figures 4a-4b; and
Species VII, figures 5a-5b.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Species VI, defined by figures 4a-4b, with claims 1-9, 11-36, and 43-57 readable thereon. Applicants respectfully assert that figure 3 is an exemplary lead having preformed bends utilized with any of the described embodiments

(see paragraph 27, which states that "Figure 3 is a plan view of a lead 40, which may incorporate retention means according to embodiments of the present invention." [emphasis added], and that figures 2c and 2d are exemplary embodiments of the projections that are included in the elected species.

The traversal is based on applicants' understanding that there is no undue burden imposed on the Examiner to examine the subject application as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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